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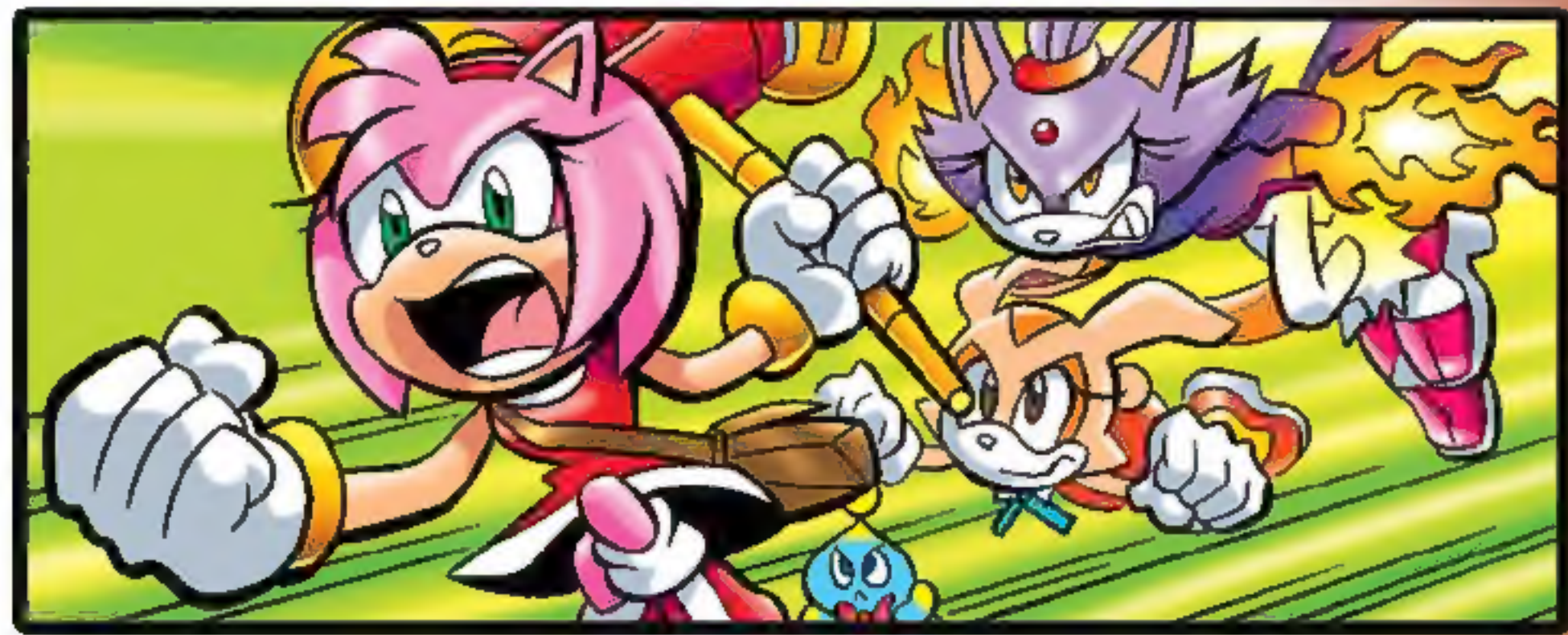


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With the collision of two worlds crashing to a close, the fate of Sonic the Hedgehog's entire universe remains shrouded in mystery!

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With the vast sea lying before them, Amy Rose, Cream and Cheese, Blaze the Cat and Marine the Raccoon sail into adventure, not knowing that trouble is drifting just around the corner...



## WHO'S WHO



**BLAZE THE CAT**  
GUARDIAN OF THE  
SOL EMERALDS



**AMY ROSE**  
HAMMER-SWINGING  
HEROINE



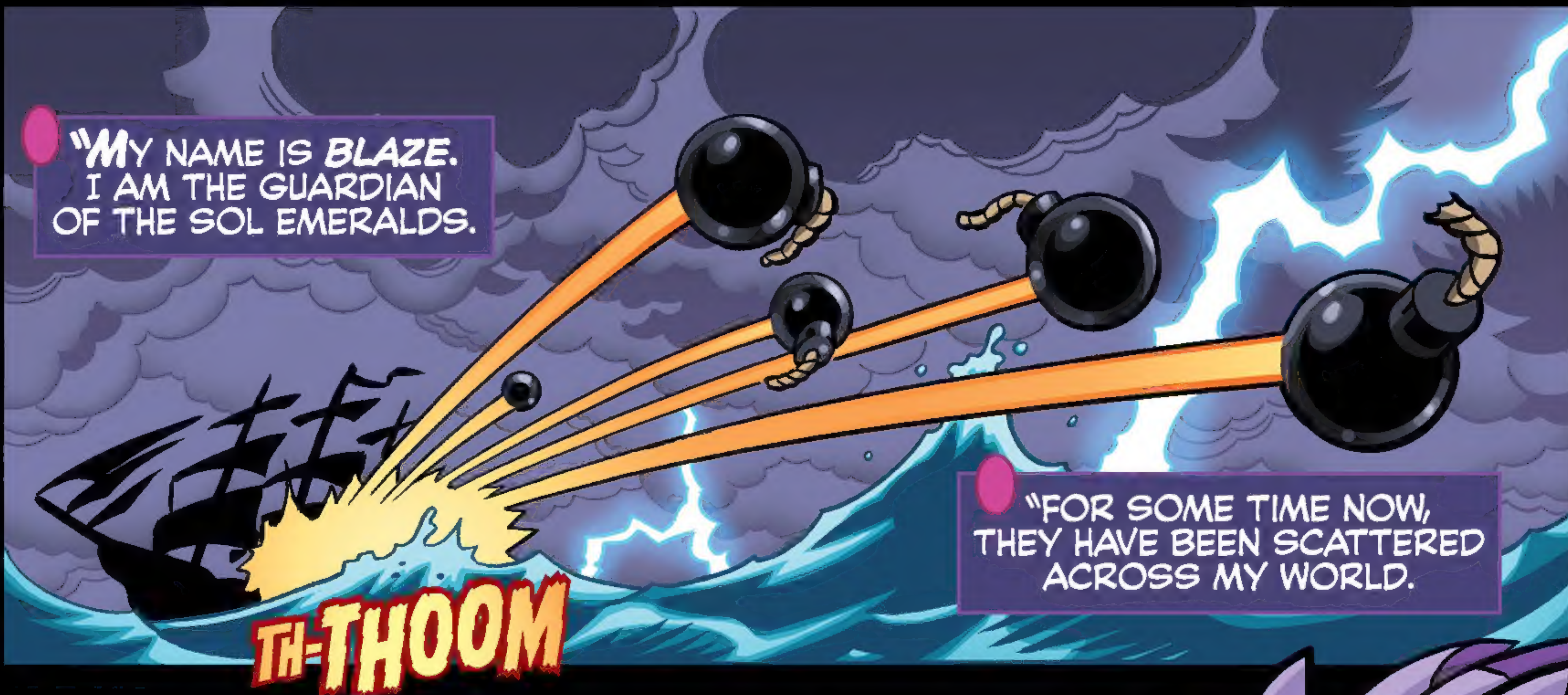
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THE CHAO



**MARINE THE RACCOON**  
CAPTAIN OF THE  
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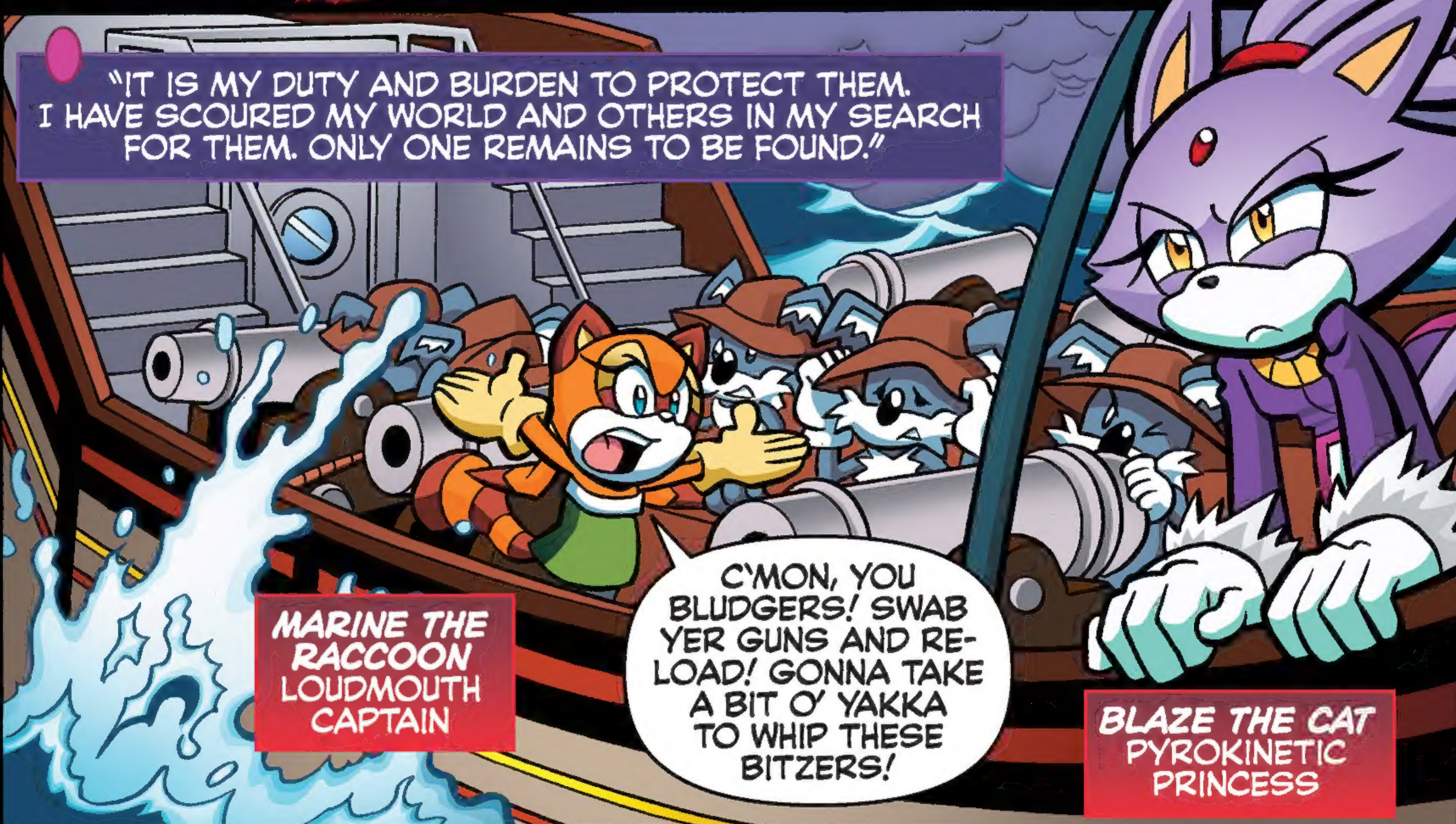
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"MY NAME IS **BLAZE**.  
I AM THE GUARDIAN  
OF THE SOL EMERALDS.

"FOR SOME TIME NOW,  
THEY HAVE BEEN SCATTERED  
ACROSS MY WORLD.

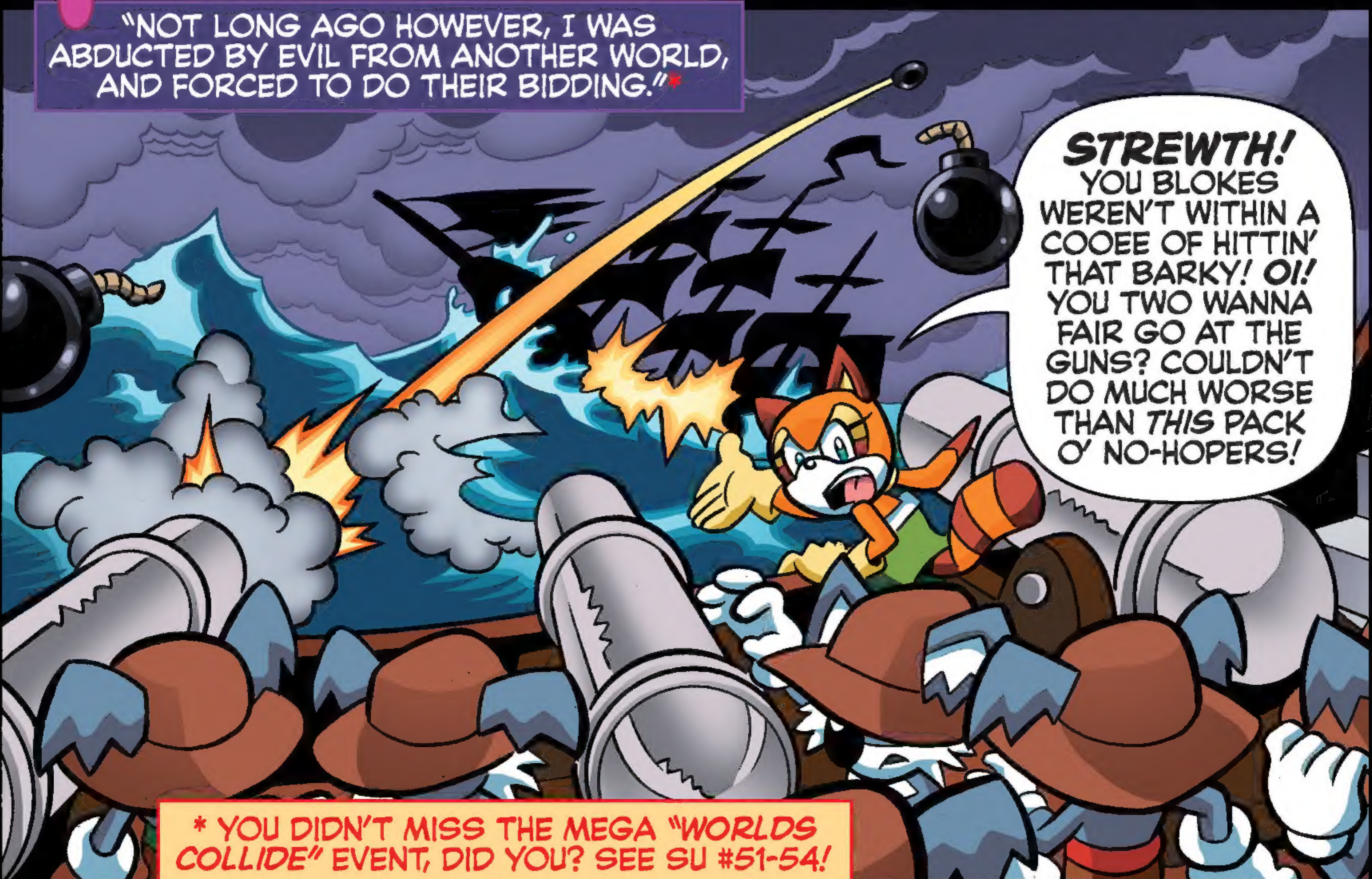


"IT IS MY DUTY AND BURDEN TO PROTECT THEM.  
I HAVE SCoured MY WORLD AND OTHERS IN MY SEARCH  
FOR THEM. ONLY ONE REMAINS TO BE FOUND."

**MARINE THE  
RACCOON  
LOUDMOUTH  
CAPTAIN**

C'MON, YOU  
BLUDGERS! SWAB  
YER GUNS AND RE-  
LOAD! GONNA TAKE  
A BIT O' YAKKA  
TO WHIP THESE  
BITZERS!

**BLAZE THE CAT  
PYROKINETIC  
PRINCESS**



"NOT LONG AGO HOWEVER, I WAS  
ABDUCTED BY EVIL FROM ANOTHER WORLD,  
AND FORCED TO DO THEIR BIDDING."

**STREWTH!**  
YOU BLOKES  
WEREN'T WITHIN A  
COOOE OF HITTIN'  
THAT BARKY! OI!  
YOU TWO WANNA  
FAIR GO AT THE  
GUNS? COULDN'T  
DO MUCH WORSE  
THAN *THIS* PACK  
O' NO-HOPERS!

\* YOU DIDN'T MISS THE MEGA "WORLDS  
COLLIDE" EVENT, DID YOU? SEE SU #51-54!



"MY FRIENDS RESCUED ME AND NOW, SOMEHOW, THREE OF THEM WERE TRANSPORTED BACK TO MY WORLD, WITH MEMORIES OF THEIR HOME WORLD IN A FOG."

**PIKO**

**CREAM and CHEESE**  
STOUT HEARTED FRIENDS

**AMY ROSE**  
HERO FROM  
ANOTHER  
WORLD

I'LL STICK  
WITH MY HAMMER  
FOR NOW!

CREAM, YOU SHOULD  
GO BELOW. THIS IS NO  
PLACE FOR YOU OR  
CHEESE RIGHT NOW.

BUT, MISS  
AMY! I'D BE  
ASHAMED TO  
HIDE DURING A  
BATTLE!

WELL, TO  
HIDE TOO  
MUCH, I  
MEAN!

"IN THE WEEK SINCE WE  
RETURNED, THEY HELPED ME  
TRACK DOWN THE LAST  
SOL EMERALD TO THIS  
LOCATION."

I APPRECIATE  
YOUR BRAVERY, CREAM.  
BUT PERHAPS AMY  
IS CORRECT.

"I'M GRATEFUL FOR MY  
FRIENDS' HELP, BUT THE  
SOL EMERALDS ARE  
MY BURDEN."

"I WILL NOT SEE OTHERS  
HURT IN HELPING ME  
WITH MY DUTY."

C'MON, YOU  
LUBBERS! AIM  
THOSE PIECES  
AND FIRE AS  
SHE BEARS!

"BUT I ADMIT THEIR  
COMPANY IS A COMFORT  
AND I SENSE THEY ARE  
MEANT TO BE HERE..."

WATCH  
OUT, MISS  
MARINE!

GOOD ON  
YA' MATE! YOU  
ROCKED UP  
IN THE NICK  
O' TIME!



"...ALMOST AS IF  
THEY WERE CALLED  
HERE BY THE  
SOL EMERALDS."



# PIRATE PLUNDER PANIC

PART ONE



"THE LAST OF  
WHICH IS CALLING  
TO ME. IT IS IN THE  
HANDS OF THOSE  
BLACKGUARD  
PIRATES."

"IF I FAIL TO  
RETRIEVE THE LAST  
SOL EMERALD... MY  
WORLD WILL FALL."

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MARINE!  
BRING US IN  
CLOSE AND I'LL  
BOARD HER!

YOU LOST IT?  
YOU'LL COME A GUTSER  
FOR SURE IF YOU TRY AND  
TAKE ON THAT LOT O' YABBOS  
ALL BY YERSELF!

MARINE'S RIGHT...  
I THINK. YOU CAN'T  
GO OVER THERE  
ALONE!

THEY HAVE  
THE LAST SOL  
EMERALD.

I'LL GO ABOARD,  
MELT THEIR SHIP TO  
SLAG AND GET IT BACK!  
NO ONE ELSE NEEDS TO  
GET HURT FOR ME TO  
FULFILL MY DUTY.

BUT MISS  
BLAZE, WE'RE  
HERE TO HELP  
YOU!

YOU CAN  
HELP ME BY  
DOING AS I  
ASK!

WATCH  
OUT!

KRASH

I'M SO  
SORRY,  
CREAM.

I LOST MY  
TEMPER AND  
PUT US ALL  
IN DANGER!

FOCUS,  
BLAZE!  
FOCUS!

IT'S OKAY,  
CREAM. THIS  
IS HER WORLD  
AND HER FIGHT.  
LET'S HELP  
HER WIN IT.

YES, MISS  
AMY.





THEY'RE CHUCKIN' SOME BODGY LOOKIN' SHOT AT US. MORE LIKE A BOMB THAN YER USUAL CANNONBALL!

KINDA' WEIRD, I GUESS. FAMILIAR, TOO, SOMEHOW. BUT LET'S WORRY MORE ABOUT SENDING SOME BACK THEIR WAY!

PIKO



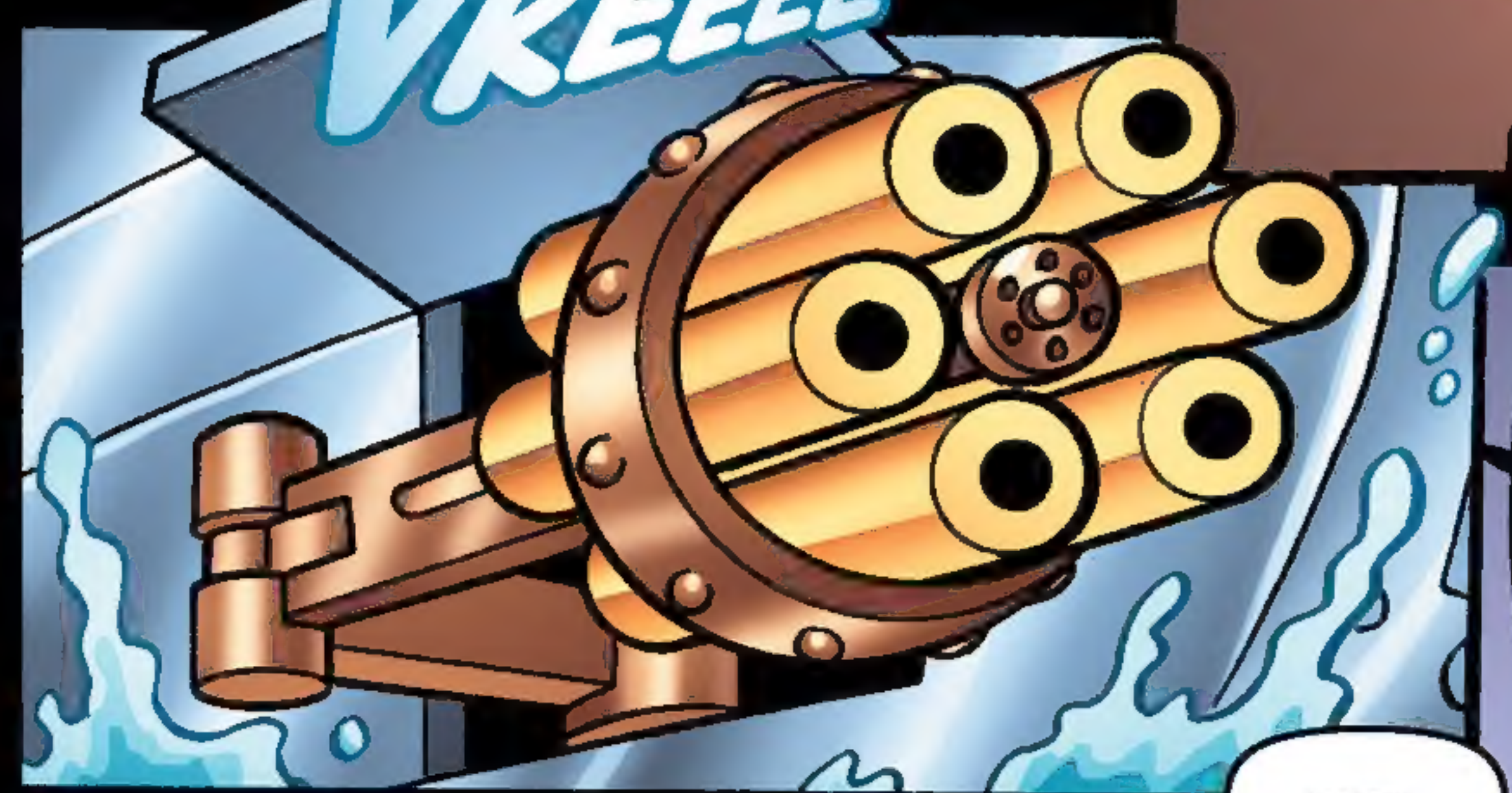
RIGHT-O, SHEILA! LET'S SHOW THESE BUCCANEERS HOW RIGHT SAILORS LOB A BALL! *READY...!*



AIM....!



VREEEE



FIRE.











FORE!

BOOM

FOUR? THAT WAS A BONZER HIT, MATE! A TEN FOR SURE!

PIKO



LOOK! THE PIRATES HAVE STOPPED SHOOTING AT US! THAT WAS NICE OF THEM!

CHAO CHAO!

THIS IS MY CHANCE. YOU KEEP THEM DISTRACTED WHILE I BOARD THEM AND FIND THE EMERALD. FIRE A VOLLEY TO COVER MY TRAIL!

B-BOOM  
B-BOOM

B-BOOM  
B-BOOM

BE SAFE, MY FRIENDS!

YOU BLOKES KEEP FIRING! AMY AND CREAM COME WITH ME! I'VE GOT A **RIPPER** IDEA!


MISS AMY?

YES, CREAM?


I'M SCARED.

ME TOO.





I COULD MELT A HOLE IN THE HULL, BUT THAT WOULD SINK THE SHIP FOR SURE. DIVING FOR THE EMERALD IN A SUNKEN WRECK WOULD BE TOO DANGEROUS.



BETTER USE STEALTH TO FIND IT FIRST... **THEN** SINK THE SHIP. SURELY NO ONE ABOARD IS DESERVING OF ANY MERCY.

Oh, NO.



MINE PURPUR PYROTECHNIK PRINZESSIN! WILLKOMMEN. BIENVENUE. WELCOME. C'YMON IN.

BEAN  
DEMENTED  
DYNAMITE  
DUCK



STAY DOWN AND KEEP QUIET.

Oh, OKAY!

I SAID--  
A MUM MUM  
MUM MUM.  
MUM IS THE  
WORD!

Eh, COULD BE.

AMY, CREAM AND CHEESE. AND NOW YOU. I SUPPOSE YOUR FRIEND IS HERE AS WELL. Hmm. THIS IS STARTING TO MAKE SENSE. I WONDER IF THAT ABHORRENT TRIO OF BIRDS\* WILL SHOW UP NEXT?

BUT OLD SNAGGLEFACE McSTEALYGRAB\*\* HASN'T POPPED UP YET, SO WHO KNOWS?

\*/\*\* SEE SU #21-24







MEANWHILE, ABOARD  
THE ENEMY VESSEL...

**BOOM**

BEGGIN' YER  
PARDON, CAP'N.  
THE LOOKOUT SAW  
A FIRE TRAIL AND  
A STOWAWAY SLIP  
ABOARD!

BE THAT  
SO, MR.  
BUCKLE?

**BUCKLE  
ROBOTIC  
SCALLYWAG**

MR. SWASH, BE  
SO GOOD AS TO  
PUT ME ON LOUD-  
SPEAKERRR.

LOUD-  
SPEAKER IT  
IS, CAP'N!  
AYE, AYE!

**SWASH  
NEVER FAR FROM  
BUCKLE'S SIDE**

HOW DID YOU  
END UP IN MY WORLD?  
HOW LONG HAVE YOU  
BEEN A PRISONER OF  
THESE PIRATES?

NOT SURE HOW IT HAPPENED.  
ONE MINUTE BARK AND I WERE  
TRAIPSING ABOUT LIKE WE DO,  
THEN, SUDDENLY...**POP!** WE  
DROPPED INTO THE WIDE, WIDE  
WORLD OF WATER HERE. WOULD  
IT KILL YOU GUYS TO GET A  
CONTINENT OR TWO?

**ARRR,  
THIS BE THE  
CAPTAIN  
SPEAKING...**



IT SEEMS WE HAVE A STOWAWAY  
IN OUR MIDST. WE SPIED A TRAIL  
OF FIRE, SO METHINKS OUR UN-  
INVITED GUEST MUST BE  
PRINCESS BLAZE THE CAT.

HEY! HE  
MEANS  
YOU!

WELL, YER HIGHNESS,  
SINCE YE'D RATHER  
SKULK BELOW DECKS  
INSTEAD OF COMING  
ABOARD PROPER,  
I'LL GIVE YE A  
CHOICE.

GIVE YERSELF UP  
NOW, OR I'LL BLOW  
YER FRIENDS OUT OF  
THE WATER. MAKE YER  
CHOICE, LASSIE...I'LL  
NOT WAIT LONG.

QUICKLY! PERHAPS  
YOU CAN HELP. I  
REMEMBER YOU HAD  
A FONDNESS FOR  
THE JEWEL I RE-  
TRIEVED FROM  
YOUR WORLD...

OI VEY!  
BUBELAH,  
DON'T GET ME  
**STARTED!**

HAVE  
YOU SEEN  
ONE  
LIKE IT  
ABOARD  
THIS  
SHIP?

YOU MEAN LIKE THE  
SHINY BIG, SHINY RED,  
SHINY JEWEL THAT THE  
CAPTAIN KEEPS ON HIM  
AT ALL TIMES AND IS  
IMPOSSIBLE TO GET  
AHOLD OF--NOT  
THAT I'VE TRIED?



THAT'S IT! NOW GET YOURSELF OFF THIS SHIP WHILE I GET THE EMERALD BACK! I'LL FREE YOUR FRIEND BEFORE I SINK THE SHIP AND ALL THE PIRATE SCUM ABOARD HER.

FIERCE, FIERY, FUSCHIA FELINE THAT YOU ARE, I'LL NOT HAVE YOU INSULT MY SHIP-MATES!

WHAT?

Oh, BOYS! LOOKEE WHAT I GOT HE-AH!

YOU'RE WITH THE PIRATES?!

HELLLOOOO! LAST TIME WE MET, I WAS HANGING OUT WITH A BOUNTY HUNTING ASSASSIN! WHAT MADE YOU THINK I *WOULDN'T* TOSS IN MY LOT WITH THIS PACK OF LOVABLE NE'ER-DO-WELLS?!

VERY WELL...

YOU CAN SHARE THEIR FATE.

Oh, GOODY! I LOVE FATE! I HOPE THERE'S ENOUGH TO GO AROUND!

**VWOOSH**



MEANWHILE...

ANY  
MORE IDEAS,  
MARINE?

MY  
EVERY-  
THING  
HURTS.

CAPTAIN  
MARINE!  
CAPTAIN  
MARINE!

DON'T GET  
OFF YER BIKE!  
WHAT'S THE  
MATTER?

WE'VE BEEN  
HIT BELOW THE  
WATERLINE, AND  
WE'RE TAKING ON  
WATER FASTER  
THAN WE CAN  
PUMP IT OUT!

WELL THAT'S  
JUST ACE! THE  
BARKY'S SINKING  
UNDER OUR FEET  
AND BLAZE IS OVER  
THERE ALL ALONE!  
WHAT DO WE  
DO NOW?!

IT MIGHT BE A  
TAD RUDE, BUT I SAY  
WE **RAM** THEM. IT'S  
WHAT MR. SONIC  
WOULD DO.

YOU'RE RIGHT, CREAM!  
SONIC WOULD GO DOWN  
FIGHTING, AND SO  
SHOULD WE!

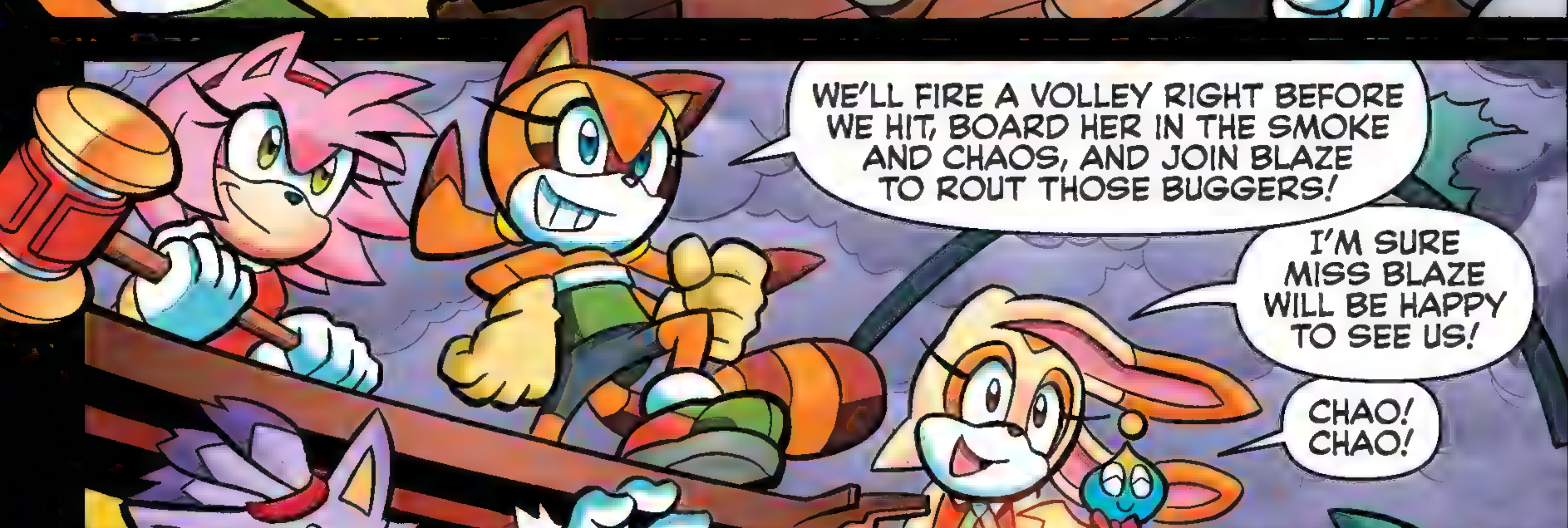
CHAO!





COCONUT CREW!  
MAN THE LIFEBOATS  
AND SET SAIL FOR  
HOME! WE'LL TAKE  
IT FROM HERE!

DON'T NEED  
YOU LUBBERS  
TRIPPIN' ME  
UP ANYHOW.



WE'LL FIRE A VOLLEY RIGHT BEFORE  
WE HIT, BOARD HER IN THE SMOKE  
AND CHAOS, AND JOIN BLAZE  
TO ROUT THOSE BUGGERS!

I'M SURE  
MISS BLAZE  
WILL BE HAPPY  
TO SEE US!

CHAO!  
CHAO!

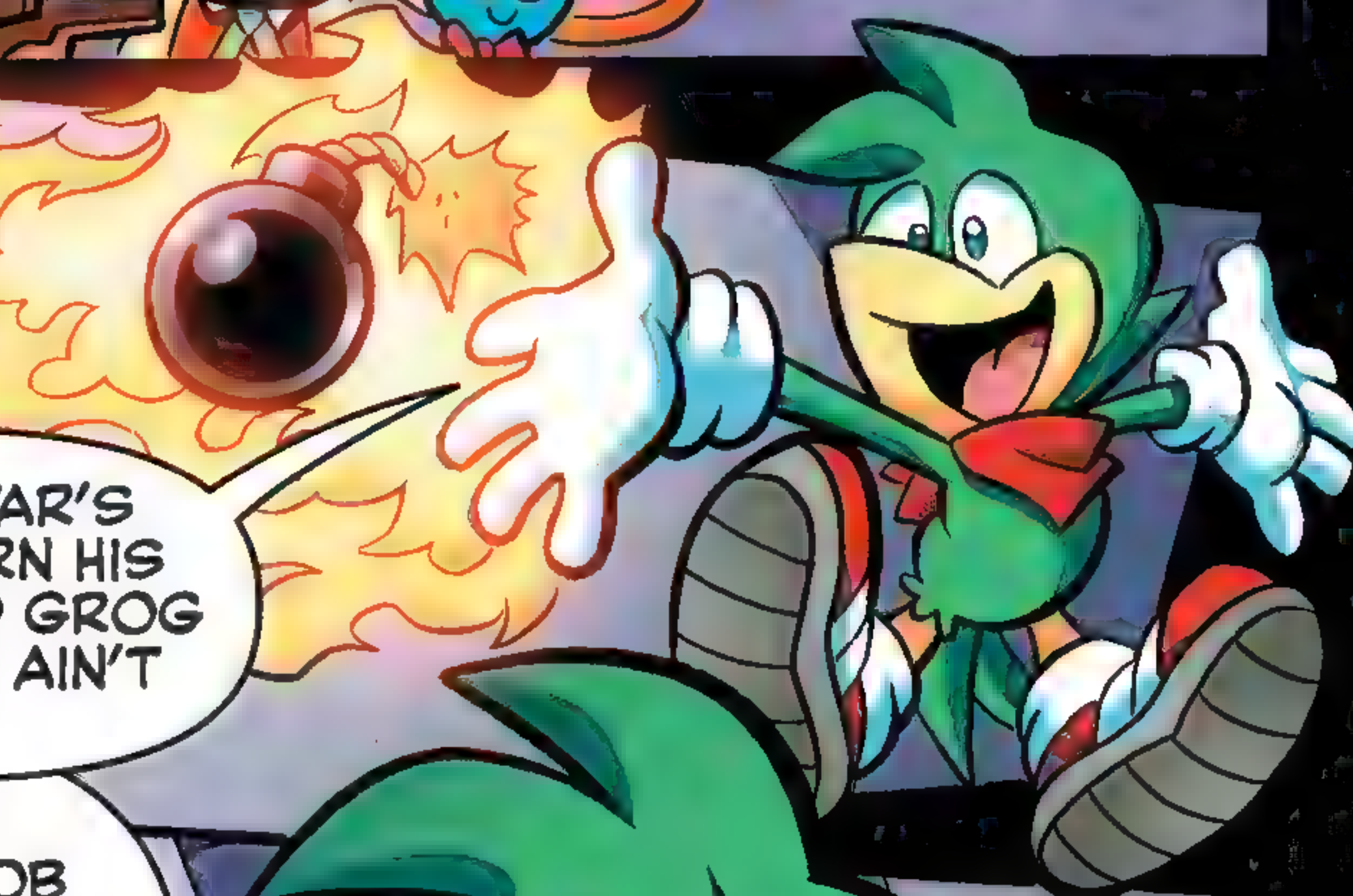


**RRAGH!**  
SO THOSE WERE  
YOUR BOMBS BEING  
FIRED AT US!

SURE! A TAR'S  
GOTTA EARN HIS  
BISCUIT AND GROG  
SOMEHOW, AIN'T  
HE??

BUT MY  
FAVORITE JOB  
IS SHINING ALL THE  
METAL. THE WHOLE  
SHIP IS MADE OF  
METAL. HECK, THE  
CAPTAIN'S NAME  
IS **CAPTAIN  
METAL!**

**BOOM**



YER TIME IS UP,  
PRINCESS. SURRENDER  
YERSELF OR SACRIFICE  
YER FRIENDS. I'LL HAVE  
YER ANSWER IN 3...

Oh, THAT  
CAP'N METAL!  
WHAT A RIOT!  
WHY NOT GO UP  
ON DECK AND  
BASK IN HIS  
CAPTAIN-  
OISITY?

YES.  
WHY  
NOT?

...2...



...1.

I'M HERE.  
HOLD YOUR  
FIRE.

WELL, WELL,  
WELL, THE  
PRINCESS AT  
LAST...

YOU SEEM TO  
BE FAMILIAR WITH  
ME, THOUGH I'M  
HAPPY TO SAY  
I'M UNACQUAINTED  
WITH YOU.

**FWOOM**

THAT'S A  
BAD KITTY!  
VERY, VERY  
BAD!

YOU HAVE A GEM  
THAT BELONGS TO ME.  
RETURN IT NOW AND I  
WILL SPARE YOUR  
SHIP AND CREW.

THAT'S  
A GOOD  
OFFER,  
CAP'N. BUT  
I'D GO FOR  
CURTAIN  
NUMBER  
TWO.

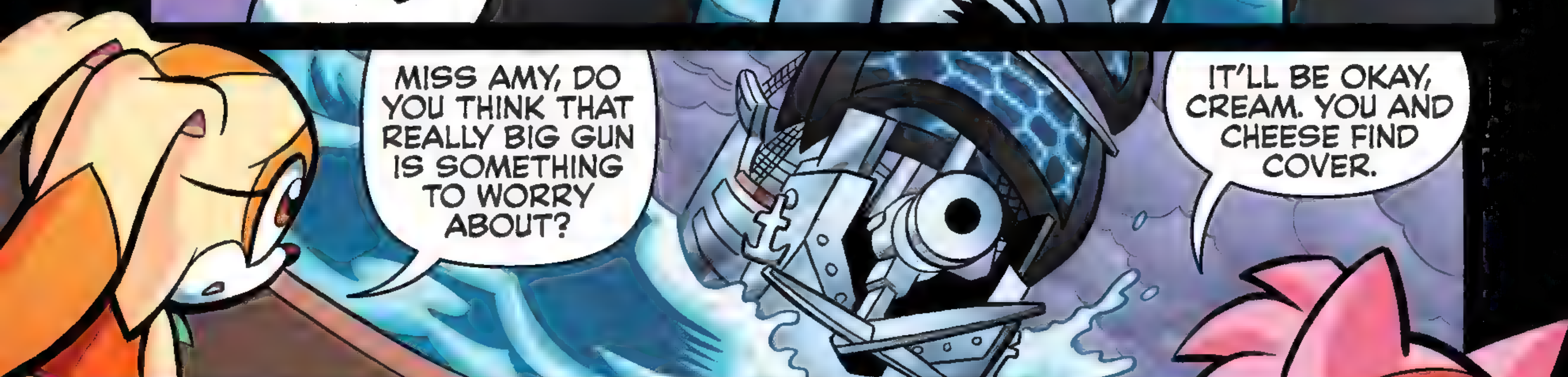
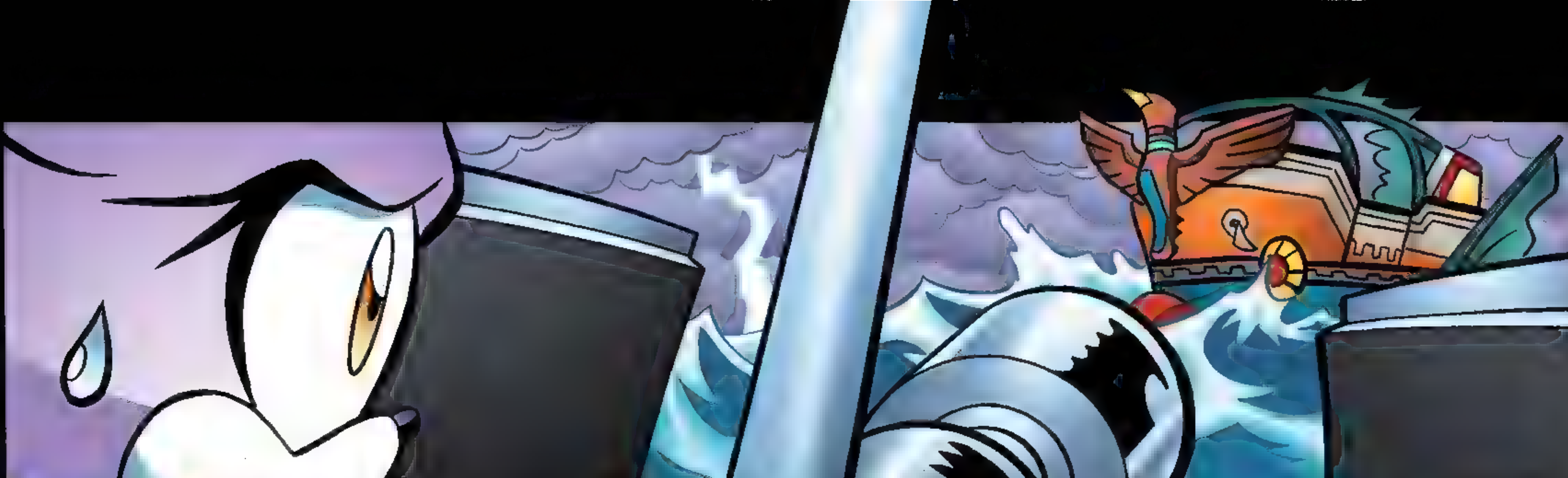
AYE, A GOOD  
OFFER. LET ME  
MAKE ONE IN  
RETURN.

OOOOOOOh,  
THE  
MYSTERY  
BOX!

**VEEEEEEE WUMP**

THAT'S  
RIGHT, BLAZE!  
IT'S A BRAND  
NEW LASER  
CANNON!!





MISS AMY, DO YOU THINK THAT REALLY BIG GUN IS SOMETHING TO WORRY ABOUT?

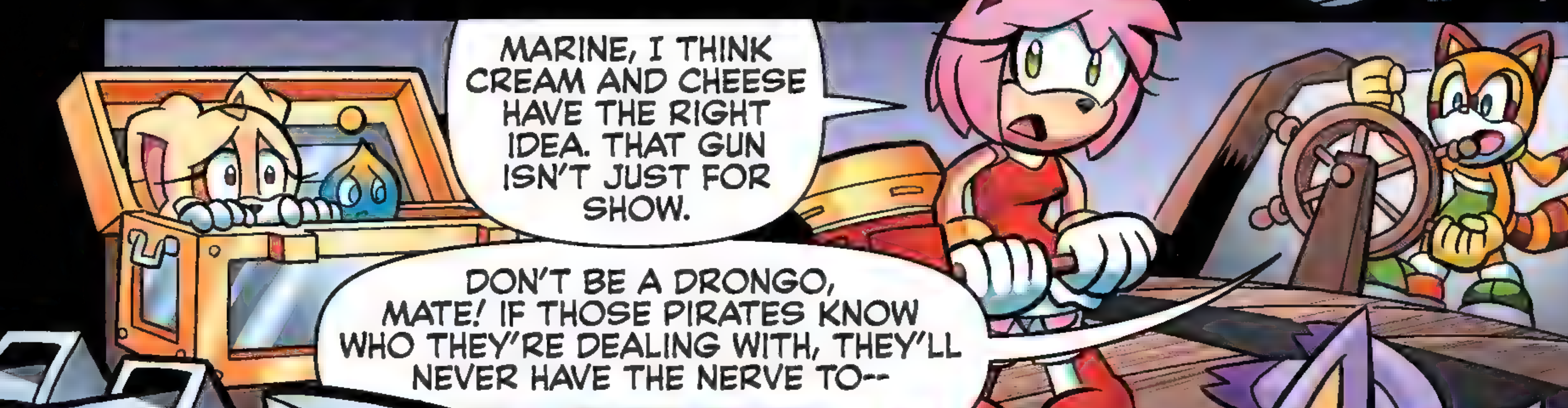
IT'LL BE OKAY, CREAM. YOU AND CHEESE FIND COVER.



YOU SAID THAT YOU'D SPARE THEM IF I GAVE MYSELF UP!



I LIED.



MARINE, I THINK CREAM AND CHEESE HAVE THE RIGHT IDEA. THAT GUN ISN'T JUST FOR SHOW.

DON'T BE A DRONGO, MATE! IF THOSE PIRATES KNOW WHO THEY'RE DEALING WITH, THEY'LL NEVER HAVE THE NERVE TO--



FIRE!

NO!



**KWA-THOOM**

AW, COME ON, CAP'N! I MEAN, THAT EXPLOSION WAS **AWESOME!** BUT I THINK YOU MIGHT'VE HURT THE CAT LADY'S FEELINGS BY MERCILESSLY BLOWING HER FRIENDS TO SMITHEREENS!

WELL, I'M RIGHT SORRY TO HAVE SUNK YER FRIENDS...

BUT YOU DID GIVE YERSELF UP **AFTER** I'D COUNTED YER TIME UP! A CAP'N HAS TO MAKE GOOD ON HIS WORD AND KEEP STRICT DISCIPLINE.

IT'S ME **DUTY,** Y'SEE.

...MY DUTY...

...MY FRIENDS...


~sniff-sniff~ SOMETHING'S COOKING. IS THAT **DUCK** I SMELL?

**TSSSS**




Sonic the Hedgehog is running through a field of fire. He is wearing his signature red and white shoes and a red scarf. He has a determined expression on his face.

OUCHA-MA-GOUCHA!

Miles Prowler the Cat is standing in a field of fire. He is wearing a purple and white outfit with a red bow. He has a serious expression on his face.

LET ME TELL YOU OF DUTY, CAPTAIN METAL.

Miles Prowler the Cat is standing in a field of fire. He is wearing a purple and white outfit with a red bow. He has a serious expression on his face.


MY DUTY IS TO PROTECT THE SOL EMERALDS AND THIS WORLD. YOU HOLD THE LAST EMERALD I SEEK.

Miles Prowler the Cat is standing in a field of fire. He is wearing a purple and white outfit with a red bow. He has a serious expression on his face.


INDEED I DO. DRAWN TO IT, I WAS. I HAVE BIG PLANS FOR IT. BIG PLANS FOR YOU AS WELL, IF YOU'LL BE A NICE KITTY AND TOE THE LINE.

Shadow the Hedgehog is standing in a field of fire. He is wearing his signature black and red outfit. He has a serious expression on his face.

COOPERATE WITH A FILTHY PIRATE?!

Shadow the Hedgehog is standing in a field of fire. He is wearing his signature black and red outfit. He has a serious expression on his face.

Oh, NO. YOU'LL PAY FOR WHAT YOU DID TO MY FRIENDS. YOU'LL PAY FOR KEEPING THIS WORLD IN JEOPARDY BY STEALING THAT GEM.

Miles Prowler the Cat is standing in a field of fire. He is wearing a purple and white outfit with a red bow. He has a serious expression on his face.

YOU'LL GIVE ME MY EMERALD NOW, OR I CAN PRY IT FROM YOUR CHARRED REMAINS. EITHER WAY, YOU... WILL...





**BURN!**

FOCUS,  
BLAZE.  
FOCUS!

BEGGIN'  
YER PARDON,  
MUM.


**KLONG**

BURN? MAYHAP  
I SHALL IN DUE TIME.  
BUT NOT WHILE YE BE  
LETTIN' YER FEELIN'S  
CONTROL YE.

A SECOND CHANCE AT LIFE,  
I'VE BEEN GIVEN ALREADY. I'M NOT  
SPOILIN' T'SEE IT END SO SOON  
YET, LASSIE. NOR WILL I SQUAN-  
DER THAT CHANCE ON PETTY  
PLUNDER OR MEAGER  
VISIONS.

SSSSSS





GRAND ARE  
MY PLANS FOR THIS  
SOL EMERALD, FAIRRR  
PRINCESS. AND FOR THE  
**OTHER** SIX EMERALDS  
YOU HOLD AS WELL.

**CAPTAIN METAL**  
REBUILT  
RAPSCALLION

**ARRRRRR!**

THUS ENDS THE FIRST CHAPTER  
OF OUR TALE, ME HEARTIES!  
WHAT BLACK DEEDS DOES  
CAPTAIN METAL HAVE IN STORE?  
ARE BLAZE'S FRIENDS SUNK  
TO THE BRINY DEEP? CAN  
BEAN GO ANY FARTHER  
'ROUND THE TWIST? COME ON  
DECK WHEN THE NEXT WATCH  
IS CALLED IN  
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**HAR! HAR!**



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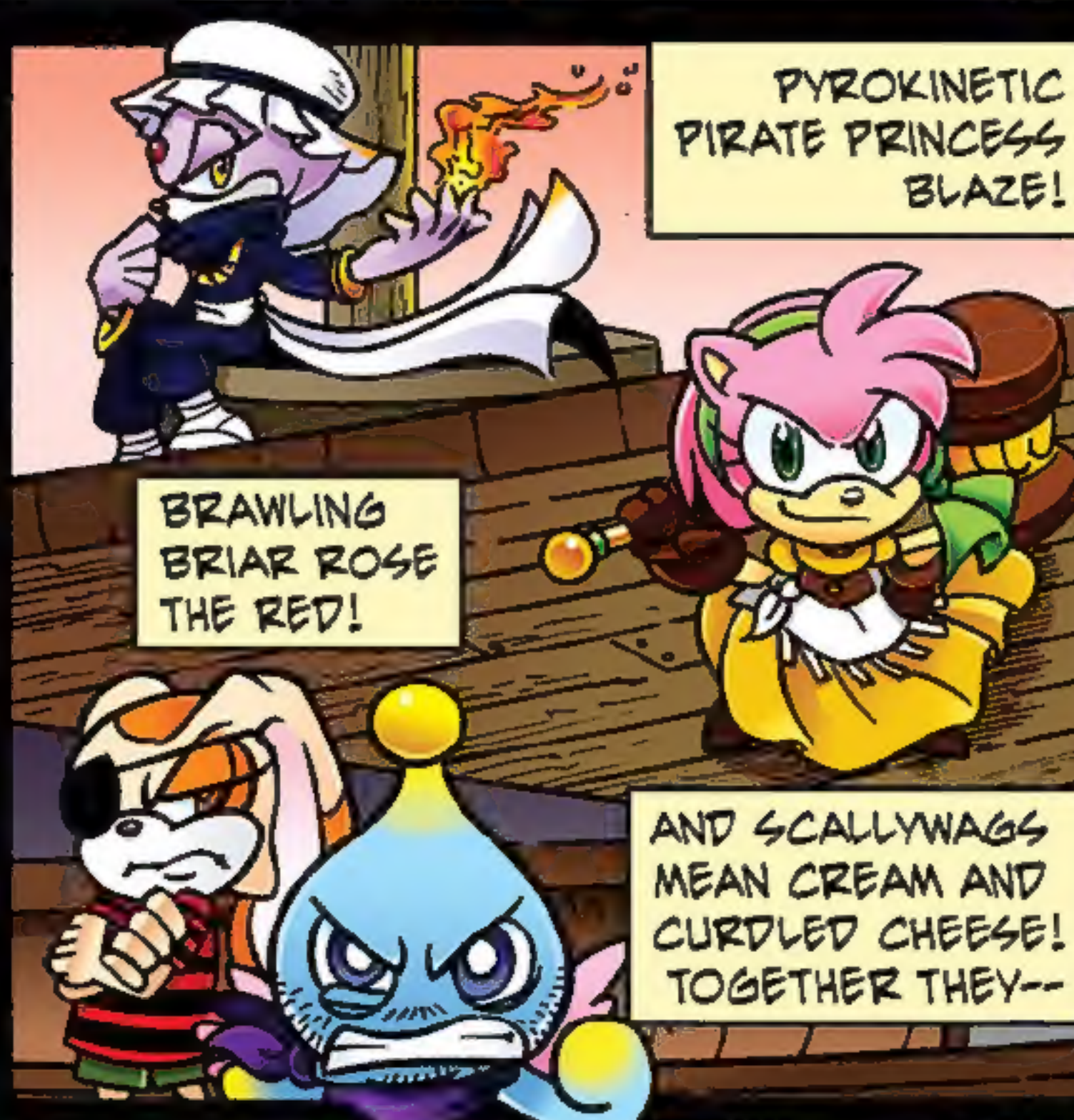
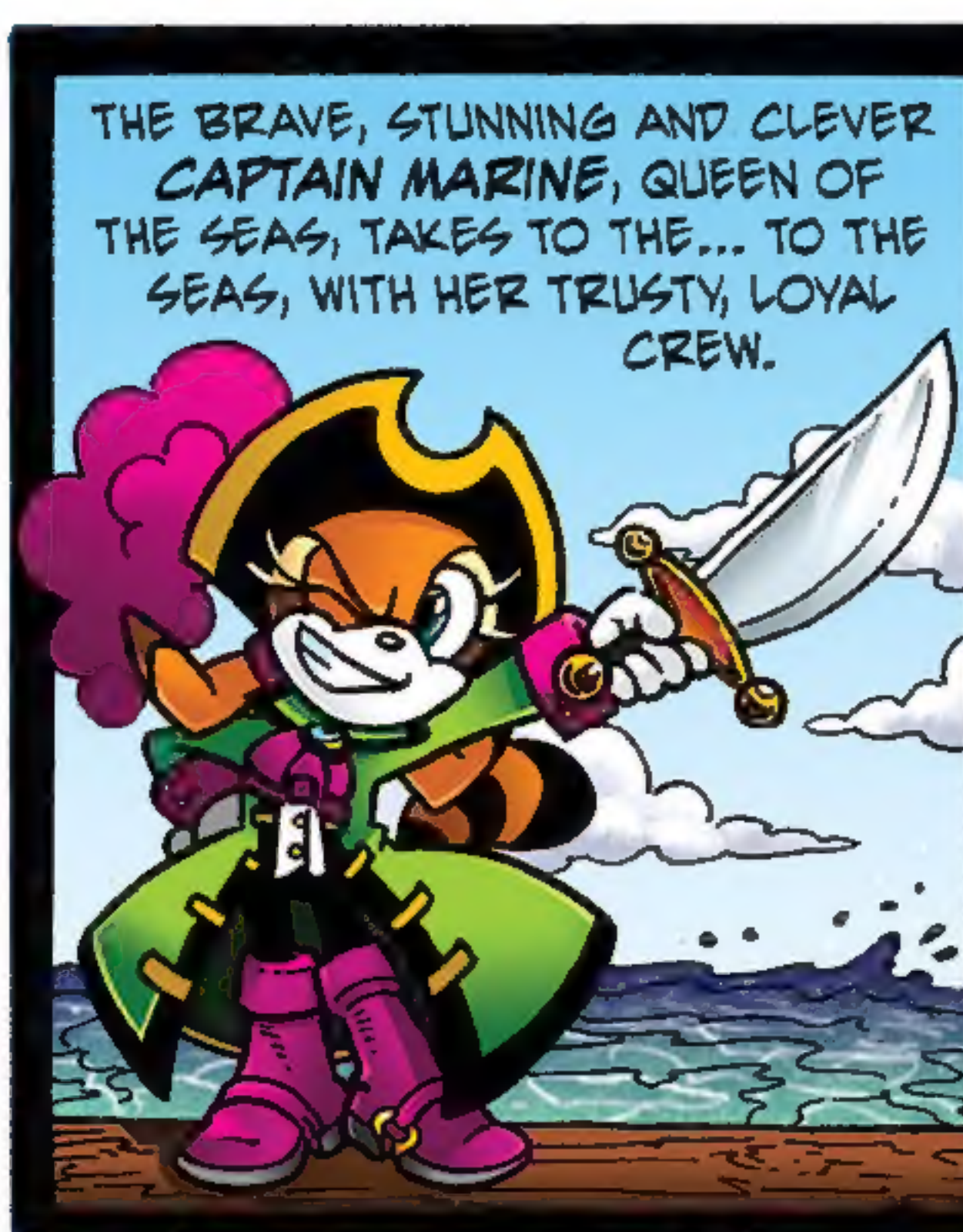
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Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'

How are you guys keeping up? Releasing an issue of Sonic the Hedgehog, Sonic Universe, AND Mega Man™ every month must be a lot of work. I just have a few questions, so here they are.

**You've got questions, we've got Sonic! ...and answers too of course!**

1) How much fan mail do you get, and do you try to read all of it?

**We get A LOT and you can bet we read A LOT! There isn't a day we don't get a letter or piece of fan art from awesome fans like yourself, but since there is so much we can't respond to each and every one. We'd love to, but we wouldn't be able to keep up!**

2) Will you be making more stand-alone issues of Sonic Universe that focuses on individual Sonic games?

**We will be doing a brand new Sega game adaptation very soon of Sonic Lost World in the Sonic Super Special Magazine! There may also be a certain mobile game adaption appearing in the next Sonic Super Digest... However, game adaptations in Sonic Universe are not out of the question! :)**

3) I've noticed that Sonic has been in every issue of Sonic the Hedgehog. Has there ever been an issue of Sonic the Hedgehog without Sonic himself in it?

**Sonic is always there! He doesn't always hedgeHOG the spotlight, but it is his book after all!**

That's all, so thanks for taking the time to read this. Tell everyone in Soinc's world and the staff at Archie Comics that I said hi!

Anton N. sent to  
Sonic@ArchieComics.com

**Thanks for writing in, Anton! We'll pass the "hi" around!**

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'

Hi, I'm Marian and I like reading your comics. I'll have the usual. When I went to summer camp last year, this boy called me "Miss Sonic" 'cause I read Sonic too much. I am not in love with Sonic or anything, but they say it's true 'cause I have over 40 issues. What should I tell them? Well, I will write to you again later.

Marian J. from Texas

**Thanks for the letter, Marian! Hmm. Well, if you ask me I'd say that you can never read TOO many Sonic comics! You should tell them why you like them so much, they'll probably wanna read too! Stand proud and be the awesome Sonic fan you are! See you next month for part two of PIRATE PLUNDER PANIC!**

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